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Joshua Mahoney  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

RE: Comments regarding the tentative Order for Hathaway, LLC, Kern-Tulare Water District, and Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company - SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Joshua Mahoney,

I am writing to express my strong support for Hathaway, LLC's project request that will allow for the construction of the Guzman Reservoir and a proposed increase in flowrate from 2,640 ac-ft/year to 3,320 ac-ft/year. Produced water has been used without any problems or issues in this area for irrigation for over 40 years.

Scientific analysis of the produced water, and blended produced waste water have consistently shown non-detection or detection limits well below the most stringent drinking water standards. Environmental safety is of the utmost importance to Hathaway, LLC, our agricultural partners, and our Kern County community. This requires our groundwater to be protected and safeguards for water usage.

Furthermore, this project and partnership provides an additional water source that supports farming operations in Kern County, which is vitally important to the long-term sustainability of our agricultural industry. Because our region is prone to extended droughts, having access to clean and reliable water supply becomes a vital part of the well-being of the residents who live and work here. Local operations like Hathaway, LLC not only significantly contribute to our need for ground water sustainability, but the tax revenues they generate are important source of funding for our local school system.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Board's support for Hathaway's project. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Vince Fong  
Assemblymember 34th District